

WRITING ASSESSMENT
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G 20a

Imagine that you are a teenager. You have a job to help you pay for the gas for your car. When all of a sudden, the Board of Education says that all high schools must start at 9:30 and end at 4:30. You are supposed to be to work at 3:30. How would you feel? You would have no money for gas. No, I disagree that the Board of Education should make all high schools start at 9:30 and end at 4:30, because teenagers have jobs, little brothers and sisters, and parents are in charge of family time.

We teenagers have jobs that are important to us. We have many expenses that we need to take care of. For example, I'm in band, Spanish Honor Society, HOSA, and church youth group. I have expenses for all of them. Band trips alone cost up to \$500 a piece. I don't know you. But my parents can not pay for all of that themselves. You might be saying that we have fundraisers to help with the cost. Yes, we do, but that money is split evenly between every member of the band.

Furthermore, teenagers have little brothers and sisters that aren't allowed to stay at home by themselves. How would you feel, as a parent with a night time job, that you would have to leave your 5-year old child at home alone just because your teenage child had to stay at school until 4:30? With all of the kidnappings that have been going on lately, I do not think that you would enjoy doing that. I know that I wouldn't. Parents love their children, so I don't think other parents would enjoy that either. How would you feel if you did leave your child there, and you receive a call from your teenager asking where is his/her brother or sister? I myself would be losing my mind.

G 20b

Most importantly, family time is very important to families in today's society. Even if that time is just an hour long. That is still time with the people that you love and cherish. My family time is from 3:30 to 4:30, because my mom has to work. I look forward to that time. Because I get to get feelings off my chest by telling things to my mom & dad.

So, how do you feel about this issue? Think about your kids and family. Do you agree or disagree with me? Whatever it is, let it come from your heart! Thank you and God bless.

Score Point: 5

This response reflects a strong degree of proficiency in persuasive writing skills. The writer's opposition to changing to a later school schedule is evident. Key ideas in support of this position (students would not have time for jobs, babysitting, and family time) are developed using specific scenarios and rhetorical questions. Syntactic variety and facility in language use are displayed and sustained throughout the response. Further explanation of the writer's third key idea would be required for a higher score.